

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MINUTES

August 26, 2019

OPEN MEETING – The August 26, 2019 Selectboard Meeting was opened by Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. at 5:55PM. Those present: Haven Haynes, Jr., Gregory D. Noyes, Frank Sawicki, Jr., Noreen Labrecque, Richard Thibeault, Al Buckley, Scott and Danielle Nichols, Melody Houle, Jeff Noyes and Morgan Wade.

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to approve the August 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously as written.
- II. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA -
- III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS -
 1. Scott Nichols – ATV issue – Mr. Nichols asked who did the research on the new Class 4 Road Highway Policy. The board stated that they received several samples from other towns in the State and used those as a guide for this policy. The Selectboard stated that they are in the process of adding a “Hold Harmless” section and form to the policy to help with the insurance concerns that was brought to their attention at another meeting. The Nichol’s have stated that they would be more than willing to put some of their own money into improving the Hudson Road but now that the ATVs have been allowed across it would be useless since they are destroying the road. The next issue that the Nichol’s brought forth was the ATV traffic on Hudson Road. They were under the impression that the Selectboard had closed off Hudson Road to ATV travel. The board stated that their revised Ordinance states that the Selectboard would close all roads until an ATV Club was formed in town. A local club has been formed and is associated with VASA. The main reason why the Selectboard closed Hudson Road was because of the portion that runs through Lemington and Lemington does not allow ATV traffic at all. The local ATV Club was able to get private owner permission in Lemington to create a trail to connect the Old County Road and Hudson Road in Canaan therefore this allowed for ATV traffic on Hudson Road since Section 101(D) #10 states they will be allowed” on all class IV highways not maintained for year round travel by motor vehicles”. The Nichol’s and Melody Houle who are year round residences on Hudson Road named some of the damages done by ATVs this year which include, the dust (which affects Ms. Houle’s tree plantation), speed, not staying on the trail, trash and disrespect to property owners. The Nichol’s asked for better policing on Hudson Road. Jeff stated that he finds it difficult to be up there for any length of time

with only being part time at 24 hours per week. He definitely would ticket them, but needs to be there when the events are happening. Jeff stated that the only law enforcement agency that has funding for policing ATVs in the State of Vermont is the Sheriff's Dept. and those funds are limited as well. Jeff suggested that the general public needs to contact their Legislature about this growing problem.

The Selectboard will meet with the ATV Club at the end of the season and express all concerns to them so the club can work on them during the off season. This meeting will of course be open to the public.

IV. REPORT FROM HIGHWAY –

1. Winter Road contract – Daley – Haven to sign - Haven reviewed and signed.
2. Winter Sand Bid –One bid received – Clark Jeffers – 1100 yds. @ \$7.50/yd. - \$8250.00. Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Greg to accept the bid. Board unanimously accepted this bid.
3. Richard informed the board that the International Truck was in the shop for brake repairs.
4. Richard has not heard from Gray's Paving with regard to the paving on Hall Stream Road and the patch on River Road where the culvert was replaced.

V. REPORT FROM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT –

The Selectboard received the following documents from Tata and Howard to execute for the Grinder/Telemetry Project.

Contractor Application No. 1 – Daniel Hebert, Inc. - \$41,046.65

Contractor Application No. 1893-03 – Electrical Installations Inc. - \$32,765.00

MPBR No 3 – including above Contractor Application and Invoice No. 20 to Tata and Howard

MPBR No. 2 Rev. – Corrected MPBR.

Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory to execute these documents. Board approved unanimously and Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. Executed.

VI. SOLID WASTE –

1. Gregory had dimensions for the purchase of a Porta Potty and Frank is going to get quotes for the purchase of a Porta Potty.
2. The board reviewed the new recycling list from the Coos County Recycling Center.
3. Greg stated that a letter needs to be sent to residences on Hall Stream Road for yard debris.

VII. NEW BUSINESS –

1. Zoning Permit rates – Noreen explained to the board that the zoning permit fee will need to increase to accommodate the new State mandated fees for recording documents. On a motion by Gregory and seconded by Frank the board unanimously approved the cost of zoning permit to increase from \$20 to \$25 for regular permit and \$30 to \$35 for permit requiring a variance.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS –

1. US Postal Mode of Delivery Agreement – End of Canaan Hill Road – Board reviewed and motion was made by Greg and seconded by Frank. Board approved and Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. signed agreement. The board rejected the corner of Fund Road and Canaan Hill Road location.

Executive Session:

At this time Morgan Wade requested the board go into Executive Session regarding a personnel issue.

Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory to enter into Executive Session at 7:20PM.

Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Gregory to exit Executive Session at 7:43PM.

The Selectboard will consult the Town Attorney with regards to this personnel issue.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS –

1. Sign Cemetery Deed for Fontaines - Board reviewed and signed the deed.
2. List of items for letter to Governor – no action- will take up at another meeting
3. Discuss emails from Carol Wells & Sierra Hargrave – Frank explained that Carol Wells asked to have a link to SeniorCares.com on the Town website. Board approved. Sierra Hargrave will be holding a forum on health issues in Vermont. Frank will attend this as representative of the Selectboard.

X. SORT MAIL/SIGN WARRANT - \$39,549.88

- XI. ADJOURN MEETING – Motion was made by Gregory and seconded by Frank to adjourn the August 26, 2019 Selectboard meeting. Chairman Haven Haynes, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.